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NORTH DAKOTA LAW



Kathryn Rand

*Leading UND Law with a
values-centered approach*

FROM THE DEAN

The following is an excerpt from Dean Rand's public presentation during the dean search.



Lux et Lex. Light and law. This is the motto of the University of North Dakota. It's inspiring to me in my role as Dean at the UND School of Law for a number of reasons. Most obviously, it captures the importance of the rule of law in our society.

But note that lux—light—comes first. To me, that means that law must be enlightened. Or, put another way, enlightenment should lead law, not follow it. This is a challenging and uncertain time for our profession. This is a time when enlightenment is needed. We, as legal educators and leaders in the profession, have both an opportunity and an obligation to light the way for the future of our profession. The best law schools, however they may be ranked, will see the need to realign preparation and practice with values lighting our way.

Today, then, I want to share with you my vision for a values-centered approach to legal education at the UND School of Law. This approach is built on the foundation of three sets of values: the values of our legal profession, the values of public higher education, and the distinctive values of the UND School of Law as well as the legal profession—the practicing bench and bar—in North Dakota.

The Values of the Legal Profession. The values and ideals of the legal profession are known to all of us who are attorneys, but they are lived only by the best lawyers. These are the first set of values that must guide us and light our way in legal education. In our role of representing clients, we must provide sound advice and zealous advocacy consistent with honest dealing. In our role as officers of the court, we must be competent, prompt, and diligent, and respectful of the rule of law and legal process. And in our role as public citizens, we must work to constantly improve the law and legal services, and to ensure equal and meaningful access to our legal systems and legal assistance. It is our obligation to build and sustain public confidence in the courts and in our profession.

The Values of Public Legal Education. I believe that public universities, and public law schools, play a critical role in our society. As Thomas Jefferson said, public higher education “train[s] up able counselors to administer the affairs of our country in all its departments, legislative, executive, and judicial . . . Nothing more than education,” Jefferson said, “[will] advance the prosperity, the power, and the happiness of our nation.” As public educators, we are charged with a weighty obligation: delivering the promise of America.

In public law schools, we share the values and responsibility of public higher education. I believe that in public law schools, this second set of values centers on four commitments.

First, making legal education truly accessible to a broad cross-section of the public. We must continue to work to ensure that legal education is open to all, regardless of socioeconomic status or underrepresentation in our profession. A true cross-section of our society must have a role in shaping the laws of our nation. Diversity has made, and will continue to make, our profession and our society richer and stronger.

Second, preparing students for responsible leadership in our profession and in our communities. Lawyers are leaders. We shape the law and the administration of justice. We have skills that lend themselves to community leadership as well. The better our lawyers

are, the better our society is.

Third, contributing teaching, scholarship, and service that is responsive to the needs of our state and our society. Law professors should be public intellectuals. The work we do as academics should contribute to the betterment of our profession and our society.

And fourth, embracing public accountability. This is one area where a University's law school should provide leadership. We are charged with respecting and following the law, and public accountability, both to the letter of the law and in its spirit, is an important value for legal education.

The Values of a North Dakota-Educated Attorney. It should—and does—make a difference where an attorney is educated. The distinct character of the UND School of Law, along with the distinct ideals of the practice of law in North Dakota, should shape what it means to be a UND-educated attorney.

This third set of values is shared by all of us—our students, who have entrusted your legal education to this law school; our faculty and staff, who have dedicated your professional careers to this law school; and our alumni and friends, who have given your time, talent, and treasure to this law school. We know the values of the UND School of Law. We are the values of the UND School of Law.

This third set of values is what should make the UND School of Law exceptional—and distinct from every other law school in the nation. These values are about bringing what is important to all of us to our program of legal education and the operations of our law school. These values are about contributing to the integrity of the legal profession in North Dakota and in our nation one UND-educated attorney at a time. These are the core values that form the foundation of the School of Law's curricular mission and goals: We educate students to be well-rounded legal professionals with the skill set to serve as effective, innovative, and ethical leaders.

A Values-Centered Approach. If these values guide our program of legal education and the operation of our law school, then we will give our students the foundation for a rewarding and balanced career—careers that sustain our spirit and build our character. If these values guide our program of legal education and the operation of our law school, then our work as legal academics will contribute to the betterment of our profession, our justice system, and our society. And if these values guide our program of legal education and the operation of our law school, then our graduates will carry those values into the profession, serving not just as competent practitioners, but as leaders, change agents, and role models.

It is a privilege to serve as Dean, with a singular role and responsibility in our shared profession. I welcome the chance in partnership with all of you to make our law school—the University of North Dakota School of Law—a leader in legal education, to meet the challenges of our profession both close to home and around the world, and to seize the opportunities of enlightened innovation, all with professional, educational, and North Dakota values to light our way.

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Lux et Lex (Light and Law) is the motto of the University of North Dakota. This motto captures the importance of the rule of law in our society and inspires Kathryn R.L. Rand in her role as Dean of the UND School of Law. She is leading the way in educating North Dakota's future attorneys with a values-centered approach lighting the way.

A Vision for UND Law

Kathryn R.L. Rand—Dean, Floyd B. Sperry Professor of Law, and co-director of the Institute for the Study of Tribal Gaming Law and Policy at the University of North Dakota School of Law—has an overflowing plate. But nearly one year into her official appointment as permanent leader of North Dakota's only law school she says, "Bring it on!"

"My vision for the law school centers on values: the values of our legal profession, the values of higher education, and, perhaps most importantly, the values of our state," said Rand. "That vision draws on our distinctive core values and strengths to broaden and deepen the definition of excellence in public legal education. I see the School of Law emerging as a leader

in realigning legal education with the values and ideals of the legal profession."

Rand took the helm when former law school dean Paul LeBel became UND provost and vice president for academic affairs. After several years as acting and then interim dean, Rand beat out a national field of competitors for the permanent position as dean. The dean is the chief academic, fiscal, and administrative officer for the law school and reports to the provost.

Rand is the 16th dean to serve in the school's 112-year history and is the first woman to hold the job permanently.

"Her vision of a constantly improving law school is compelling, ambitious, and realistic," said LeBel. "She has played a key role

in the recruitment of outstanding faculty to the law school, and has made helpful organizational changes within the administration. She consistently demonstrates the highest level of integrity and a commitment to working effectively and inclusively with all constituencies to advance the law school. The law school is in very capable hands, and its future could not be brighter.”

Rand brings heavy-duty credentials to her job and a stellar academic track record to her position.

A former federal prosecutor who tackled violent criminals and drug offenders, Rand also is a nationally known and highly respected expert on Indian gaming law and policy. With longtime collaborator Dr. Steven Light, professor of political science and associate vice president for academic affairs, she has authored several books on the subject, all of which are now standard texts in courses on Indian gaming around the country.

Along with Light, Rand is co-director of the Institute for the Study of Tribal Gaming Law and Policy, a component of the Northern Plains Indian Law Center at the UND School of Law. The Institute is the first university-affiliated research institute dedicated to the study of Indian gaming. She also teaches in the areas of

constitutional law, civil rights, tribal gaming, and race, gender, and the law.

Rand has a strong reputation as a legal academic and an up-and-coming dean. She is an elected member of the American Law Institute, and serves on multiple editorial boards, including those for the Gaming Law Review and the American Indian Law Review.

She was elected as a faculty member to the Order of the Coif, in recognition of her scholarship, and in 2007 she was awarded the UND Foundation/McDermott Award for Excellence in Teaching, Research or Creative Activity, and Service. She also serves on the State Bar Association of the North Dakota Board of Governors, the North Dakota Bar Foundation Board of Directors, and the North Dakota Judicial Branch Education Commission, and as a Master in the Randy H. Lee Chapter of the American Inns of Court.

Rand received her J.D. (cum laude) from the University of Michigan Law School in 1993 and her B.A.

in anthropology (summa cum laude) from the University of North Dakota in 1990.

Following law school, Rand clerked for Justice Beryl Levine of the North Dakota Supreme Court and Chief Judge J.P. Stadtmueller of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin. She then served as Assistant United States Attorney in the Eastern District of Wisconsin for two years.

Her many connections to North Dakota and UND brought her back to Grand Forks 12 years ago. Rand is a native of East Grand Forks, MN. Her grandfather, Al Rand, is a 1921 UND Law School graduate, and her father, Tom Rand, is a longtime associate dean in UND's College of Arts and Sciences. She returned to UND in 2000 to join the law school faculty, and in 2004 was named Associate Dean for Academic Affairs before assuming the interim dean position in 2009.

“As the product of two state universities and having built my professional career at a small public law school, I am dedicated to

“I see the School of Law emerging as a leader in realigning legal education with the values and ideals of the legal profession.”



excellent and accessible public legal education as well as to the special role of a public law school in serving our profession and our society,” Rand said. “Nowhere is my professional commitment stronger than here at UND.”

The multiple tracks in her professional life are all about serving UND law students.

“When students come to the UND School of Law, they can expect a high-quality legal education that will put them in good stead for a whole host of career paths,” Rand said. “They can expect individualized attention in a personalized educational environment where every member of our faculty and staff is invested in their (the students’) personal and professional success.”

For Rand, a top-notch legal education boils down to values.

“UND law students can also expect that their education here will instill in them the values we think are important in the legal profession, in higher education, and in North Dakota,” Rand said. “Those values will serve them well no matter where they end up after law school.”

It all adds up to an impressive record of performance for Rand—a record that definitely enhances the reputation of the UND School of Law.

“We’re shaping the legal profession one UND-educated attorney at a time,” Rand said. ■

by: Juan Pedraza, UND University Relations

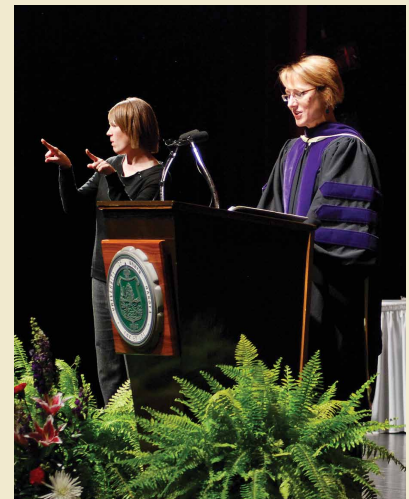


Photo Above: Dean Rand presiding over the Law School Commencement program.

Photo Above Left: Dean Rand leads the discussion with law school faculty and staff.

Shon Hastings

North Dakota's New Bankruptcy Judge



Shon Hastings, University of North Dakota School of Law alumna, was sworn in as the U.S. bankruptcy judge for the District of North Dakota on September 9, 2011. She replaced Judge William A. Hill, who retired in August, as the sole bankruptcy judge of North Dakota.

Hastings is enthusiastic about the opportunities and challenges her new appointment will present. She believes bankruptcy touches numerous aspects of the law, but also an array of people. "I'll learn more about not only the bankruptcy law and the bankruptcy code, but also the types of businesses of the people and entities that petition," said Hastings. She believes her principal challenge will be simply determining what is right under the law that is established after hearing from attorneys who present both sides of the argument extraordinarily well. "I think that will always be the challenge," said Hastings. As for right now, it is still a new job with its own special challenges. After becoming more comfortable and learning all of the specifics of the position, Judge Hastings is certainly looking forward to learning and continuing her professional growth.

"I've got big shoes to fill," said Hastings when asked about her predecessor, Judge William A. Hill who served as the North Dakota bankruptcy judge for twenty-eight years. "He is a wonderful judge. His opinions are well researched and well written. The lawyers could expect a fair decision each time and he worked to ensure that would always be the case. I hope to fill his shoes in that way. To live up to his legacy."

Hastings grew up in the small town of Hazen, North Dakota located in Mercer County approximately fifteen minutes south of Lake Sakakawea. After graduating from high school, Hastings received a Theatre Arts scholarship and began attending Bismarck Junior College. However, she soon found herself longing for

her friends who were attending the University of North Dakota, 270 miles away. "It was the bigger school, it was the more challenging school [and] all of my friends were there," said Hastings. She decided she was ready for a change and transferred to UND. In 1986, Hastings graduated magna cum laude with a B.B.A. in Business Administration.

Her interest in law began after college while she was working for the Air Force in Colorado Springs. The position allowed Hastings the opportunity to work on contracts for the service and maintenance of satellite and radar sites. "I loved the job," said Hastings. She was thinking about the possibility of law school at this time because she loved both her work and the contract

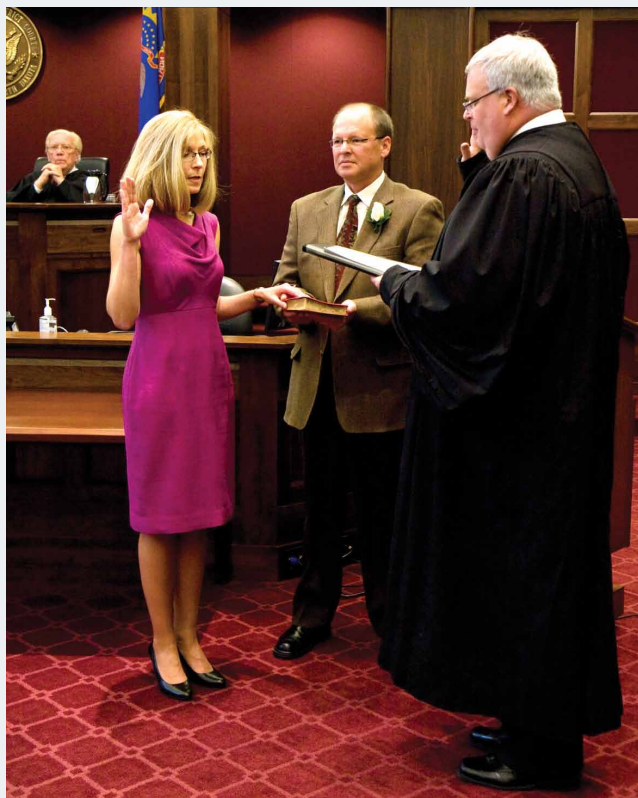


Photo: Judge Shon Hastings, and her husband Brian Hastings at the investiture ceremony being sworn in as U.S. bankruptcy court judge by U.S. District Court Chief Judge Ralph Erickson.

Photo: Judge Shon Hastings addresses those attending the investiture ceremony. Pictured seated at the bench from the left are Judge Myron Bright, Judge Ralph Erickson and Judge Kermit Bye.



law classes the Air Force prompted her to attend. When her husband was transferred to Grand Forks, North Dakota, and she was offered a less challenging position, she was even more convinced that law school was the right choice.

While attending UND School of Law, she worked as the editor-in-chief of the North Dakota Law Review. The position taught Hastings the importance of articulating her thoughts in a way that was both easy to understand, but also filled with research that would be beneficial to the practitioners who read the articles. “It was a great experience. Plus, it’s a challenge above and beyond law school so you’re learning to juggle. It’s all about time management, focus and prioritization,” said Hastings.

In May of 1993, Hastings received a juris doctor with distinction and began her legal career as a judicial law clerk for the Honorable Karen Klein, United States Magistrate Judge. Hastings recalls this as a wonderful experience and a great opportunity for new lawyers to learn about the judicial process and the lawyers who practice. After her time with the U.S. District Court, she joined Bowman and Brooke in Minneapolis as an Associate Attorney where she participated in almost all aspects of civil litigation and specialized in product liability. She left Bowman and Brooke in December of 1997 and began working as an assistant United States attorney in Fargo, North Dakota and in 2009 was appointed Civil Chief, a position she held until her most recent appointment.

The connection with UND and the education she received from it, has remained not only a valuable asset, but also a welcoming relationship. Hastings

credits Professor Patti Alleva as a great mentor in her young career. Alleva helped Hastings make decisions about where to apply and which positions to accept. “She was very helpful in working through that process in what opportunities would present,” said Hastings. While working at the U.S. Attorney’s office she was able to stay in touch with Alleva as well as new professors at UND through an externship for law students that began in 2000. The externship, which Hastings is still involved with today, allows students the opportunity to volunteer in the federal courts and the U.S. Attorney’s office. Hastings worked as the supervising attorney for those students, some of whom she keeps in contact with today. Throughout her legal career, she has had the opportunity to teach at UND, be a guest lecturer as well as sit on panels during educational programs at the law school. “It’s definitely a continuing relationship. I would love to come back,” said Hastings.

Someday, when people look back on her career, she hopes to be remembered as a public servant who worked really hard to be as fair as possible. Her current goals are to keep learning the processes and procedures of her present position. One day, she hopes to have the opportunity to give back by offering her services to other courts in the country. Hastings is most proud of herself when she can be certain that she’s done the right thing. “That’s the really wonderful thing about public service,” said Hastings. “It has given me the opportunity to make sure that I’m doing the right thing for the people of the state.” ■

by: Beth Moe

Garry Pearson: UND Law's Legendary Teacher

A visit to the North Dakota tourism website reveals the state slogan “North Dakota Legendary.” The site promotes North Dakota’s legendary places, legendary adventures and legendary people. It also invites visitors to click on a link to tell their personal legendary tale. One such tale the UND School of Law would tell is that of Garry Pearson.



“There is no other name at the UND School of Law that has transcended the number of decades that Garry has. It is a legendary record, and you can’t overestimate the impact Garry has had on this law school,” said former UND Law Dean Jerry Davis.

A Legendary Teaching Record

Pearson has taught courses as an adjunct faculty member at the University of North Dakota in the College of Business and the School of Law beginning in his final year of law school in 1958. He has taught more than 104 consecutive semesters and for more than 54 years, and during that time has worked with half of the 16 full-time deans who have served in the history of the law school.

How did he get to where he is today? In 1952 a young Minot man packed his bags and journeyed east to attend the University of North Dakota – but had no clue what major he should pursue. A neighbor back home told him the story of a local car dealership, Wesley Motors, working with an individual to save a large sum of money on taxes. The dealership was working with an accountant,

so the neighbor encouraged Pearson to consider this field of study. “I had no idea what an accountant was,” said Pearson. “I went to accounting school, and at that time you could do a six-year program in accounting and law.” He earned an undergraduate degree with a major in accounting and a Juris Doctor, graduating as a member of Order of the Coif.

During his final year of accounting in 1956, he was one of three classmates that passed the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) exam. The others went on to lucrative accounting careers, but Pearson remained focused on law. “I have never practiced as a CPA, but passing the exam opened several doors for me,” he said. One of the doors opened was the opportunity to teach college courses. He was hired to teach business law in the accounting department while in his final year of law school, setting in motion a teaching record of legendary proportion.

After a short stint trying cases with the Tax Division of the Department of Justice, Pearson returned to Grand Forks in 1961 to establish a private practice. He immediately returned to teaching courses at the College of Business. “[Accounting professor R.D.] Koppenhaver asked me to fill the spot of a faculty member leaving to earn his doctorate degree, so I taught beginning and intermediate accounting, analysis and financial statements and a bunch of other courses including business law,” said Pearson.



John Ober, Walfrid Hankla, Ralph Foenig, Ronald Spitt, Elroy Arnason, John Riley, Larry Hatch, Oliver Price
Thomas Goughan, Leo Beauchain, Robert Remark, Marvin Morrison, Allen Lemieux, Bruce Listoe, Armond Erickson, Roger Holte, Arvid Mahua
Loeen Johnson, Gerald Vandewalle, Leibert Greenberg, Wallace Brantseg, Phyllis Katchliffe, Morris Tschider, Larry Pearson, John Miles

Photo: Pearson's UND Law Class of 1958. He is in the front row, second in from the right

In 1967, at the request of law dean Jerrold Walden, Pearson returned to the law school to teach tax courses, and has taught every semester since. Over the span of years and through the succession of deans, Pearson has taught many of the tax classes offered in the school including income tax, estate and gift tax, corporate and partnership tax, mineral taxation and state and local tax.

With so many years in the classroom, he is now seeing second and third generations of students, and some of his former students have become colleagues. One such student was Owen Anderson. “Owen was a student of mine. When he became an oil and gas instructor here, we team taught my mineral tax class. I learned about oil and gas by listening to him, and as it turns out Owen is now the leading expert in the world on oil and gas law, and I

even use his book in the mineral taxation class I teach in the spring,” said Pearson.

His love of teaching and students is what fuels the fire to continue to do more. “For me it is a wonderful thing. It is great to be with the students and because you have to use your brain cells, I think it has helped in keeping me from diapers and drooling,” Pearson joked. “The big impact of teaching all these years has been I have had to learn the subject matter. There is no better way to learn something than to have to teach it. It has helped me keep current and in my private practice of law.”

Pearson has not only been a great teacher, but a benefit to the law school in many other ways. Davis said, “I found him invaluable, and he was one of the most important resources I had during my time as dean.” He summarized the impact

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Jerry Davis, Former UND Law Dean

of his legendary teaching career by saying, “Garry has been invaluable for the entire time. Even after more than 100 semesters he is still a very good teacher. He commits to the students, and he is aggressive on learning new ways of teaching and incorporating technology into his teaching.”

Technology is the biggest change through the years noted by Pearson. He truly believes people are people, so students are similar, but the technology has made a huge difference. Pearson uses PowerPoint for all

of his lectures and makes them available to students through the law school website. “Going from the blackboard to the computer has made a huge difference. I can cover so much more territory and do it more completely and explain it better with the use of computers,” Pearson said.

Department of Justice and Private Practice

Upon graduation from law school, Pearson allowed his CPA certification and his outstanding academic accomplishments to open yet another door. As mentioned earlier, he received a job with the Taxation Division of the Department of Justice in Washington D.C.

He began the job in 1958 and stayed with the department until late summer of 1961. “I tried jury trials all across the country,” Pearson said. “They sent me across the country to do depositions and to deal with million dollar cases. I won the ones I should have won, and learned a lot from the others.”

From his extensive travel schedule, he realized that North Dakota was truly where he wanted to be. He returned to Grand Forks in 1961 to set up a private practice. “From the beginning I was hoping to specialize in tax law, but of course nobody knew me. It took me

up to five years to build up my practice, but I consider that to be a great advantage because I was doing everything else – divorces, name changes, personal injury cases...,” said Pearson.

One of Pearson’s most interesting cases early in his years of private practice is one former UND President Thomas Clifford asked him to consider. Pearson represented a Chinese artist who had her finger severed in a snowmobile accident. He tried the case against Arctic Cat and the people running the snowmobile.

“I basically held an art show in the courtroom and everybody was impressed with her work,” said Pearson. “I got the highest personal injury verdict in Grand Forks County at that time and it was worth \$180,000, which is nothing compared to today’s standards.”

His experience with other types of law fed into his desire to practice tax law. He said, “I appreciated the opportunity to get all of this other experience in other areas of the law because it helped me in pursuing tax law. Tax law touches everything.”

He did everything he could to get his practice established including making presentations to not only the State Bar Association of North



Photo: Pearson pictured between classmate Wally Hankla (left) and UND President George Starcher (right.)



Photo left: Pearson teaching class in the Molbert Room during the fall semester. He taught both Gift & Estate tax and State & Local tax.

Photo below: Pearson (far right) with his 1956 North Central Champion golf team.

Dakota, but to the Society of CPAs as well. He made the effort to meet people, and let them know who he was and how he could help. Around 1966 he had successfully built his practice. He remained on his own until the early 1970's when he hired a fresh UND Law graduate and current partner Doug Christensen. Today, Pearson Christensen & Clapp PLLP has as staff of 11 attorneys. Through his career, Pearson was active in the legal associations in North Dakota, and has served as president of both the State Bar Association of North Dakota as well as the Grand Forks County Bar Association.

N.D. Hall of Fame and Legendary Golfer

Pearson has always had a passion for golf. During his time as a student, he played four years on the UND golf team. He finished second twice and third in the North Central Conference tournament and his team won the championship in his final year. He has won numerous golf tournaments throughout his career and was inducted into the North Dakota Sports Hall of Fame for his success in the game.

Pearson has played golf on some of the finest courses around the world. He said, "Every year I went on a golf trip, and sometimes twice a year, and I have played some of the best courses in the world." Pearson has played two-dozen British Open courses, a dozen U.S. Open courses, and he has played in Australia, New Zealand, Africa, and across Europe. A highlight of his

golfing career is his hole-in-one on #12 at Augusta National, the site of the annual PGA Masters Championship.

Pearson is now "semi-retired" from his law practice and still makes it out on the golf links. He is proud of the fact that, even as late as last summer, he was able to shoot his age. After class ends in the fall, Pearson and his wife Rose head down south to enjoy the sun in Hilton Head, South Carolina. In addition to golf, Pearson enjoys reading books, participating in a computer club and cooking. Pearson has four kids, Scott and Wade who run six Home of Economy stores, Cindy who is a sales executive for a company in Virginia, and Chad his youngest son, who followed in his footsteps as a lawyer. Chad works for the Best Buy Corporation in the Twin Cities.

Through the history of North Dakota, as explained on the tourism site, many people and places have been considered "Legendary." The slogan North Dakota Legendary definitely describes Garry Pearson in many ways. Legends are earned over many years, and as his 54 years worth of students will attest, he is truly a teaching legend at the UND School of Law. ■



Chris Ironroad - Hard Work and Networking Pave the Way to Washington, DC



Networking in this decade is often defined by technological forms such as Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn. The days of picking up the phone or going out to meet someone in person are far fewer. Yet it was a simple personal contact of introducing himself that set in motion a series of networking opportunities that put recent graduate Chris Ironroad on a path to a position in a Washington, DC law firm.

Ironroad was born in Fort Yates, North Dakota and is an enrolled member of the Standing Rock Reservation. He moved with his mother to California at the age of one, but stayed connected to North Dakota by living with his father at Standing Rock during the summer.

He completed high school in California and earned an undergraduate degree at the University of Utah. His desire to practice in the area of Indian Law lead Ironroad back to North Dakota and the UND Law School.

"I specifically came to the UND School of Law because of the significant number of Indian Law courses offered here. It is what separates our law school from a lot of other law schools across the country," said Ironroad. "This school offers an Indian Law certificate program, and we are learning from many faculty who are actively practicing in the area of Indian Law."

Since his first day at law school, Ironroad has focused on his end goal, worked hard and has taken advantage of every opportunity to make new contacts to get there. Midway through his first year, Ironroad wanted to get some experience so he went to Standing Rock in search of a summer internship.

He contacted the tribe's in-house attorney Brent Kary, who was a 2008 UND Law graduate. Kary was battling cancer at the time, but still took the initiative to push it through



Photo: Ironroad talks with classmates at a meeting of the Native American Law Student Association. He talked with the group about his past work experience and his future position in Washington, DC.

the council to get an internship approved. “The idea I had to contact Brent, and his willingness to follow through on it made the difference. Without him doing this, I would not have the job I have lined up when I graduate,” said Ironroad.

When he arrived at Standing Rock that summer, Kary was in his final months of his battle with cancer, so he took Ironroad immediately to the criminal court and connected him with Chief Judge William Zuger. Within a week Ironroad was sworn in as a public defender and worked under Judge Zuger’s supervision in the courtroom handling misdemeanors, traffic tickets and disorderly conduct cases. He was in court every day doing arraignments and had a great experience. At Standing Rock, Ironroad took advantage of the opportunity to meet many people from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, tribal judges and attorneys that came through the reservation court system – people like BJ Jones and Mike Swallow.

Midway through the summer, Ironroad saw another networking opportunity. Because Kary had passed away, Standing Rock had no in-house counsel. As a result Bill Perry, a partner from a Washington, DC firm specializing in Indian Law, came to Standing Rock for work on a case. “I asked a member of the tribal counsel if I could shadow him for the three days he was here for the case,” said Ironroad. The relationship he developed during that short time helped Ironroad earn a very competitive summer internship with the same D.C. firm during the summer after his second year.

Four associates earned summer internships with the firm. They were from Columbia, Stanford, Yale and of course North Dakota. Intimidated at first, Ironroad soon realized he was prepared for success. “The Indian Law classes I took from professors Jones, Michelle Parks and Keith Richotte prepared me well for what was to come,” he said. “I had taken two or three classes each semester, so I credit them for helping me because they were a key part of my practical education at UND.”

Ironroad is married and has a four year-old son and twin daughters who recently turned one. They didn’t come with him to DC in the summer, so he joked that he didn’t have anything to do other than focus on the job. “I worked a lot of hours and on weekends. I put in a lot of extra time when I was not expected to and met all of my deadlines,” he said. His work experience included casework, brown bag lunches with the Native American Bar Association and he even had opportunities to attend senate hearings and fundraisers.

He made an impression on the senior partner that summer and it led to an offer of a full-time job. “I will be joining the firm of Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Enderson & Perry, LLP in their Washington, DC office, after graduation this May,” said Ironroad. According to the firm’s website, Federal Indian law is the cornerstone of the firm’s general practice and they have offices in California and Alaska as well as Washington, DC. Ironroad will sit for the California bar this summer, then move with his family to Washington, DC in August. His ultimate goal is to return to the place he grew up, and to practice in the area of law he loves.

Just because he has a job offer does not mean Ironroad was on cruise control in his final year of law school. He worked with the Tribal Judicial Institute at the law school, and in addition to his coursework, he assisted law professor Bradley Myers with a project to develop documents on new issues related to trusts and estates for Native American people.

Getting ahead in life can be as much about who you know as what you know. For Ironroad, it has been a combination of both. He has taken every opportunity available to meet new people and combined that with the knowledge he has received from the UND school of Law to earn his future success.■



Richard Pollock

Living His Hockey Dream

A website started while attending law school has blossomed into a seat in the NHL's Winnipeg Jets press box for 2008 graduate Richard Pollock. His Illegal Curve website and radio show have become the primary sources of information for rabid Jets hockey fans.

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Richard Pollock, like most Canadian boys, played hockey as a child and instantly loved the game. His father was a big fan and passed that love for the sport down to his children. "When you grow up in Canada, hockey becomes a part of you," said Pollock. He grew up idolizing Teemu Selänne and still considers Wayne Gretzky the greatest player who ever lived. "Hockey in many ways is a metaphor for life," said Pollock. "How you play the game and whether you lead or follow are all factors." Hockey has been in his blood for as long as he can remember and from a young age, Pollock knew he wanted hockey to be a part of his life forever. When he learned that law school was a way to achieve that dream, he set his sites on UND.

Born and raised in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Pollock graduated from University of Winnipeg Collegiate in 2001 and continued his education by attending the University of Manitoba, where he received a political studies degree in 2005. When it came time to choose a law school, Pollock found himself drawn to UND School of Law. Receiving a law degree from the United States would give Pollock the versatility he was looking for. He also enjoyed the fact that Grand Forks was only two-hours from his hometown, but it was "a completely different world," said Pollock.

During his second year of law school, he started writing hockey player reports for a website on a part-time basis. After a year of working for someone

"I wanted a site that could centralize all of the information in an easy to read fashion, and it didn't exist, so I figured I would start it."

else, Pollock decided he wanted to write for himself on his own site. In September of his third-year Pollock, along with a group of friends including fellow UND School of Law alumnus Kyle Kosior, launched *Illegal Curve*, a website dedicated to providing the most comprehensive hockey coverage. "I wanted a site that could centralize all of the information in an easy to read fashion and it didn't exist so I figured I'd start it," said Pollock. Every morning for two hours, in the back corner of the student union computer lounge he would go through the newspapers of the thirty NHL cities and write an analysis with his perspective. He was writing a thousand words a morning in addition to studying for law school and, for the most part, enjoying every minute of it.

When his time at UND School of Law came to an end, Pollock returned to Winnipeg where he began taking the necessary courses to obtain a Canadian law degree. "It was an interesting time, certainly," said Pollock. He and his partners continued to work on the site and started doing podcasts which eventually turned into "The Illegal Curve Radio Show," on a local college station. The radio show gained so much popularity that it moved from a college station to a station with an all-sports format which eventually gained the rights to the Winnipeg Jets. "The Illegal Curve Radio Show" now known as "The Illegal Curve Hockey Show" airs weekly on TSN Radio 1290, the official home of the Winnipeg Jets. "There was a certain amount of luck involved, obviously there was hard work, but certainly an element of luck that came into play and I guess we are the benefactors of that," said Pollock.

"If I were to say that I thought it wouldn't turn into anything I'd be lying because I wanted it to turn into something, I just didn't really know what it was. I just went along with it," said Pollock. After being called to the bar in 2011, he began practicing at the Evans Family Law Corporation, a firm that focuses primarily on family law. Pollock decided to stop the website at this time and turned his attention to the radio show. The site remained dark for a period of time until David Minuk, a 2012 UND law alumnus, started posting daily links regarding the rumors that the Jets would be returning to Winnipeg. The site began to gain momentum and eventually changed from an NHL website to a Winnipeg Jets site, "Your home for Winnipeg Jets hockey."

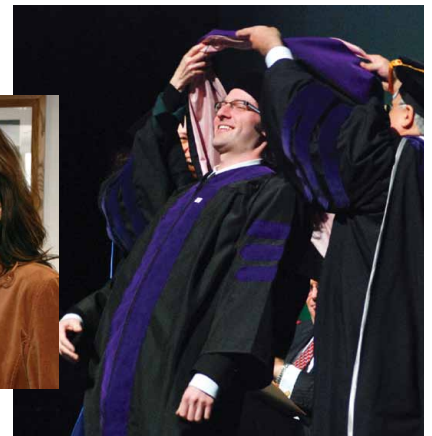
Balancing his legal career with his hockey career may be one of the greatest challenges Pollock faces today. He knows that he wouldn't be able to juggle both careers if it were not for the support he receives from his firm. The firm has been

extremely flexible in terms of time. Pollock explained that as long as he completes his work, the firm is happy to support his passion. "The people I work with have been great to me both personally and professionally," said Pollock.

He has no intention of slowing down anytime soon. Now that the Jets have given him a space in their press box he's enjoying examining the games from an objective perspective. He loves being involved in every way he can whether it be writing, commentating or analyzing. "It's a passion," said Pollock. He's proud of the fact that he and his partners have created a site that is both informative without bias, but also professional and humorous at the same time. "I'm happy with what we've done, but I'm not satisfied," said Pollock. Since he was fourteen years old his ultimate dream has been to be an NHL general manager. "That's probably still at the forefront of my mind," said Pollock. In the meantime, he's content with working toward that goal by increasing his knowledge and experience in both the law and in hockey.

Pollock continues to be connected to UND School of Law in a variety of ways. He remains in contact with some of the professors, he has many friends who still live in the area and he tries to catch a UND hockey game on occasion. His biggest connection to the school of law these days is his younger brother, Adam, who recently completed his first year. Pollock hopes to visit the school much more in the coming years while his brother is in attendance. When he isn't working or watching a hockey game, you can find him spending time with his mom, brother and friends at home in Winnipeg.■

by: Beth Moe



Photos: Pollock pictured with his mother Maureen on graduation day and receiving his law school hood from faculty on stage at the UND School of Law commencement ceremony.

Joseph H. Morsette, 2009

Joseph Morsette was featured in the third series of the UND “More Than Beads and Feathers” poster project. The posters feature highly accomplished graduates from a variety of tribal affiliations and majors.



Law was in his blood, explains Joseph Morsette.

His father was very interested in law, and so was he. It was a goal Morsette achieved over a path of thousands of miles, many detours, and several starts and stops. What is truly unique and heart touching about the father and son's interest in law, specifically Federal

Indian Law, is what inspired their passionate pursuit.

Morsette is the oldest of eight children who grew up primarily on the Rocky Boy Indian Reservation in Montana. When he was just three years old, his mother gave him and his younger two siblings up for adoption without their father's knowledge or consent. This occurred prior to passage of the Indian Child Welfare Act. As a result, Morsette and his siblings spent close to five years in temporary foster care while their single father launched the battle of his life to regain custody of his children – and won.

Throughout Morsette's pursuit of law, guiding forces that remain a constant in his life include the value of family, pursuit of education, grounding through traditional ceremonies and practices, service to one's country and community, hard work and persistence, and the realization of true justice for all. A highly accomplished Veteran, Morsette served four years of active duty worldwide in the Air Force, in addition to completing service over the years in the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard.

Morsette attended Haskell Indian Junior College in Kansas, graduated from Stone Child Community College in Montana, and completed his bachelor degree in criminal justice from the University of Great Falls in Montana prior to being

accepted into UND's School of Law in 2001. Unfortunately, he had to drop out during his first year when he was activated by the North Dakota Air National Guard after 9/11 and deployed for two years.

This is where persistence comes in: due largely to his active duty service, Morsette ended up taking the first semester of the first year of law school at UND three times! During one stop-out that resulted from his struggling grade point average, he pursued and graduated with a master's degree in criminal justice administration from the University of Great Falls, during which time he served as a tribal judge for the Chippewa-Cree Tribe. In 2009, Morsette, at long last, completed his UND law degree.

The same day Morsette received his LL.M. diploma in the mail, he got an e-mail from the UND School of Law Dean Kathryn Rand, offering him the position of director of the Native Americans Into Law (NAIL) Program & Northern Plains Indian Law Center Faculty Fellow. He had planned to be a public defender at home and build courses for Stone Child College, but decided to accept UND's offer.

As director of the NAIL program, Morsette primarily serves as an outreach and recruiting resource for the North Dakota high schools and tribal colleges, and co-taught Federal Indian Law with Dean Rand. What he truly enjoys most; however, is the opportunity to assist and inspire students, planting the seeds of hope and empowerment through higher education in the minds and hearts of others.

He also has strong familial ties to the state and region. “My grandfather was born at Spirit Lake in Fort Totten and then moved to Fort Berthold and Rocky Boy. My great grandfather was an interpreter for Chief Rocky Boy.”

Morsette returns to the reservation for traditional ceremonies. “I practice those ways of life,” he said. “You can practice wherever you are, but for me, I need the close connection with my family and friends. It energizes me by giving me the inspiration and drive to do what I do throughout the rest of the year. It also keeps me balanced and grounded in what's important.” ■

Working Together

to Build the School of Law



North Dakota Taxpayers Credit for Gifts to Endowments

North Dakota legislators continue to move the state to the cutting edge of state charitable income tax credits with legislation providing tax credits for gifts made to qualified North Dakota endowments. Giving to endowments through the University of North Dakota Foundation will help UND better meet the needs of students and programs that benefit North Dakota communities.

Barely a handful of states offer charitable tax credits of any kind, and only one other state offers credits similar to what North Dakota now offers. This tax credit makes it possible for individuals and financial institutions to give more and through their contributions, have a greater impact on the state's quality of life.

A qualified endowment is defined as an "irrevocable fund held by a North Dakota incorporated or established organization that is a qualified non-profit organization; or a bank or trust company holding the fund on behalf of a qualified non-profit organization."

An endowment is a fund held by a tax-exempt organization where the principal of the fund is not wholly expendable. Only the interest and appreciation earned in an endowment fund can be used for current operations.

Businesses and Financial Institutions

Businesses and financial institutions (C corporations, S corporations, estates, limited liability companies and trusts) that make gifts to qualified endowments may qualify for a state income tax credit, which amounts to 40 percent of the value of the gift, up to a maximum credit of \$10,000 per year. Businesses may carry forward any unused credit for up to 3 taxable years (financial institutions excluded).

Individuals

Planned gifts by individuals qualify for an income tax credit of 40% for gifts up to a maximum credit of \$10,000 per person, \$20,000 for a married couple with any excess unused credit to carry forward 3 years. This tax credit for planned gifts is also unique to North Dakota and gives North Dakotans a remarkable opportunity to make meaningful gifts to their favorite charities and get significant reduction in their income tax bills.

"This is some of the most exciting news for North Dakotans affecting charitable giving in years!"



For more information contact Mark Brickson at the UND Foundation

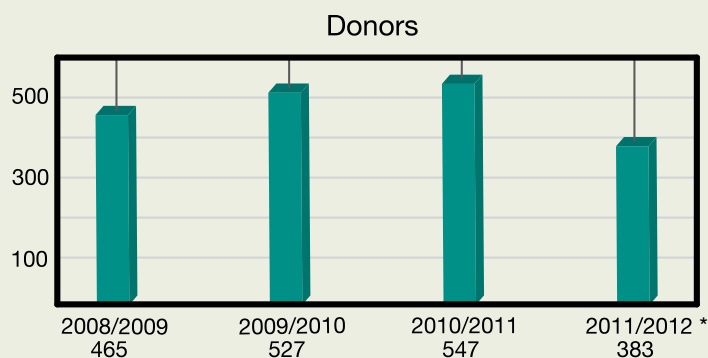
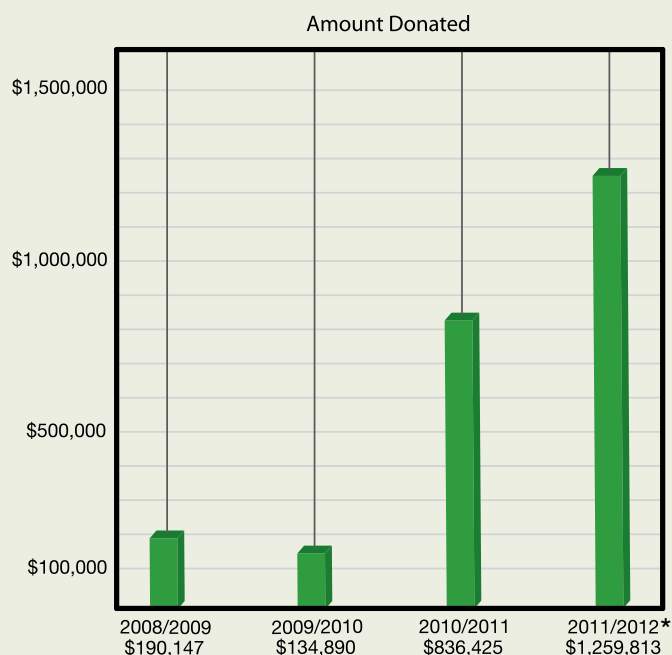
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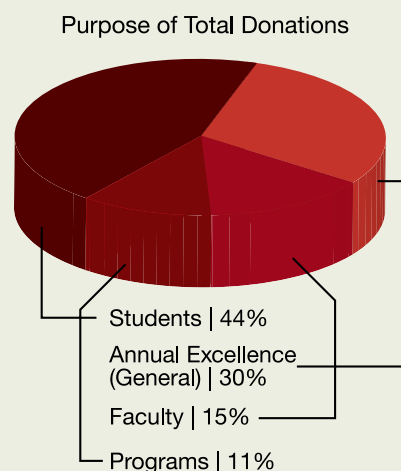
NORTH DAKOTA SPIRIT CAMPAIGN

GOING STRONG AT UND LAW

A quick review of the numbers associated with the North Dakota Spirit Campaign since 2008, headed by the UND Foundation, show the alumni and friends of the UND School of Law have made a difference in taking the school from great to exceptional. As the campaign continues, we hope you will consider joining in our success.



*Note: The 2011-12 years are representative up to May 15, 2012, so the yearly totals are not yet complete.



Annual Excellence

Many of our alumni make annual gifts. Those gifts are the lifeblood of the school. The **law school staff and faculty** stepped up in support of the North Dakota Spirit week college challenge, making annual gifts to the law school and law library at a higher percentage than any other academic college.

Mary Lou Kojancik, Class of 1940, made a special gift to the unrestricted fund with a generous gift from her estate plan. In her will, she made a provision that allowed for a percentage of her remaining estate to come unrestricted to benefit her law school.

To make a gift to benefit the law school call 1-800-543-8764 or visit www.law.und.edu/alumni/ then click on the "make a gift" button on the left.

Thank You Donors

Here are a few recent examples of how donors have supported a variety of areas at the law school through different types of gifts.

Passionate Students

Randall Bakke made a direct gift to establish an endowment in his name. The endowment produces annual scholarships to benefit students directly. He decided to provide his scholarship to third-year students who show an interest and ability in trial advocacy. Trial advocacy is an area important to him. Several others have recently established scholarships as well. **Dave and Diane Peterson** created a scholarship for litigation and **Marv and Joyce Kaiser** created one for scholars from North Dakota.



Thomas Wold made a generous gift to establish the J. Philip Johnson Faculty Fellowship Endowment, in honor of his long-time partner, to promote professional responsibility, leadership, and ethics, both in the legal profession and in the community. He also challenged others to make gifts to the endowment, which he agreed to match up to an additional \$25,000.

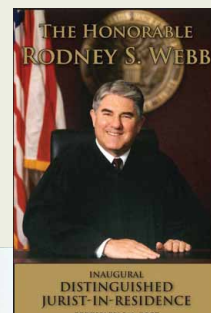
Inspirational Educators

Innovative Programs

Crowley Fleck PLLP made a generous gift to help the law school advance in areas related to energy law. Their gift most recently helped support the North Dakota Law Review's Energy Law Symposium held last November.

Fredrikson & Byron P.A. provided a gift that will span three years to support business related programs in addition to faculty scholarship and student scholarships.

The **former clerks of the late Federal District Judge Rodney Webb** made gifts to provide for the establishment of the Rodney S. Webb Distinguished Jurist-In-Residence Program. The funding will bring distinguished jurists to the law school.



Judge Myron Bright has provided a special gift to create the Myron and Fritzie Bright Reading Room at the School of Law. The reading room will contain a collection of his valuable items as well as collections from his personal and judicial library.

Our current and graduating students realize the need to support their school. Historically, graduating classes have provided direct gifts to improve the facility. The most recent gift from the Class of 2011 provided new tables in a classroom.

Extraordinary Places

Spotlight On the School of Law

Building For The Future The Need for a Major Addition and Renovation



Perhaps the most pressing issue facing the UND School of Law is the adequacy of our building. Our law school building, constructed in 1923, has had only one major upgrade in ninety years—the addition of the law library in 1973. While our beautiful old building represents the legacy of generations of North Dakota lawyers, in the 21st century we simply have outgrown the four walls of our original home.

For the third legislative session in a row, we are putting forward a state funding request for a major addition to and renovation of our existing building.

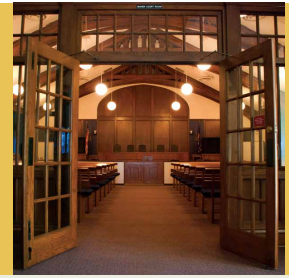
The School of Law's building project is the result of our most recent reaccreditation site visit. In 2007, the ABA's site visit team called the law school's overall facility "less than adequate." Two of our four classrooms were described as "barely adequate" and "lacking in comprehensive, modern technology." Our student space, for studying, working, and student services, was described as "limited" and "less than adequate." Our Clinical Legal Education space was "cramped" and "substandard." As the ABA site visit team noted, the School of Law has utilized our existing building very effectively,

so that opportunities for further improvement of existing space have been nearly exhausted. Our facilities "have hit and, in several cases, exceeded their maximum capacity." The 2007 site visit team stated that a major addition to and renovation of the law school building are "critical to the success and future of the School." We wholeheartedly agree.

In response to the 2007 site visit, we developed a capital construction proposal for the law school. With strong support from the University, we put forward the law school's project in both the 2009 and 2011 legislative sessions, but despite being a top UND priority, our project was not funded. We're hoping this year will be different. As it was in 2011, the law school project is #1 on the UND priority list for the 2013 legislative session.

Our next ABA reaccreditation site visit is scheduled for Spring 2014. To address the concerns raised in the 2007 report, the School of Law urgently needs additional educational space—a minimum of 2 additional classrooms, a teaching courtroom with full technology, and improved clinic space for teaching, client confidentiality, and safety; additional student study and work space—for co-curricular organizations like Law Review and Moot Court, for extra-curricular organizations like Student Bar Association and Law Women's Caucus, for quiet study space, for collaborative work space, and for student services such as Career Services; and improvements to address safety issues—secure entrances and the ability to close off public access to the law school building outside of business hours (adding bathrooms in the library would help address this concern).

We're often asked, "What's changed at the law school that demands more space?" The answer is simple: we've made significant improvements and enhancements to our program of legal education in the past decade.



One area of improvement is enhanced student recruitment. Our most recent graduates, the Class of 2012, were selected from more than 530 applications. Ten years ago, though, we struggled to attract 200 applicants, and we were at the bottom of U.S. law schools in terms of number of applications. We've also dramatically improved our admissions process, including effective enrollment management. In the past few years, we've set—and successfully met—a target of 85 incoming first-year students. This stabilized enrollment contrasts to prior years, where the first-year class might have swung from 60 or fewer students to over 100 students. We've also enhanced student retention. No longer is the UND School of Law part of the “look to your right, look to your left; one of you will be gone” tradition. Instead, we make hard decisions during the admissions process, selecting only those students who we believe will succeed at our law school. Once they're here, our goal is to see 100% of our students succeed academically and professionally. This is a far cry from earlier years, when as many as a third of first-year students would drop out or fail, losing their investment of hard-earned tuition dollars and the personal sacrifices law school demands.

Another area of improvement is our success in expanding the curriculum to meet the needs of our state and to keep pace with the legal profession nationally and globally, adding such classes as International Business Transactions, Solo & Small Firm Law Practice Management, Advanced Legal Ethics, Consumer Protection Law, Tribal Economic Development, Criminal Sentencing, and Oil & Gas Practice in North Dakota, just to name a few. And we've expanded real-world skills instruction and opportunities for students, adding courses like

Advanced Trial Advocacy and Advanced Appellate Advocacy, expanding our externship programs, sending student teams to regional and national trial and moot court competitions, adding a new student-edited, online journal, resurrecting the Carrigan Cup trial competition, and emphasizing practice-readiness as a goal for every graduate.

Because of these hard-won improvements, the School of Law's four classrooms and Baker Courtroom must serve some 250 students, who enroll in the 45 or so courses we offer each semester, participate in 15 or more student organizations, compete in a half-dozen advocacy competitions, engage in experiential and service learning, serve as externs for state and local agencies, and attend dozens of speakers and events held at the law school. The talent and ambition of our students and the excellence of our educational program have simply outgrown our building, today even more so than in 2007.

As we prepare for our Spring 2014 ABA reaccreditation site visit, we know that the adequacy of our educational space will be an issue. By asking the state legislature to invest in the School of Law's proposal for a major addition to and renovation of our existing building, we are asking the state to support the significant improvements we've made in North Dakota's law school. This isn't a request based on “if we build it, they will come.” Instead, we've already built an excellent program of legal education in our state. Students, staff, and faculty have come to it and enhanced it. Now, we need our building to support and sustain our success, for our students, for our state, and for our future.



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1 Fall internal moot court competition winners were third-year students Rebecca Binstock and Scott Brand. The final argument was judged by the North Dakota Supreme Court.

2 The Turtle Mountain Tribal Court of Appeals heard cases in the Baker Courtroom. The three judge panel included UND Law professor Keith Richotte and adjunct professor BJ Jones.



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3 The North Dakota Law Review presented a special symposium featuring energy law topics. Pictured is Brian Bjella, class of 1979, who was part of a panel discussion on practicing energy law in North Dakota.

5 North Dakota Supreme Court Chief Justice Gerald VandeWalle delivered the commencement address to the graduates of the Class of 2012. He talked to the graduates about the changes in law school, technology and the world. He also encouraged the graduates to recognize and embrace the opportunities that lie ahead for them. Finally, he encouraged the graduates to find a balance in their professional and personal life.

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4 The Rough Justice team kept the wins coming in the annual Malpractice Bowl vs. the UND Medical School. The law team was lead by quarterback and second-year student Matt Lein, #6 and fullback, third-year student Andrew Sorbo, #43.



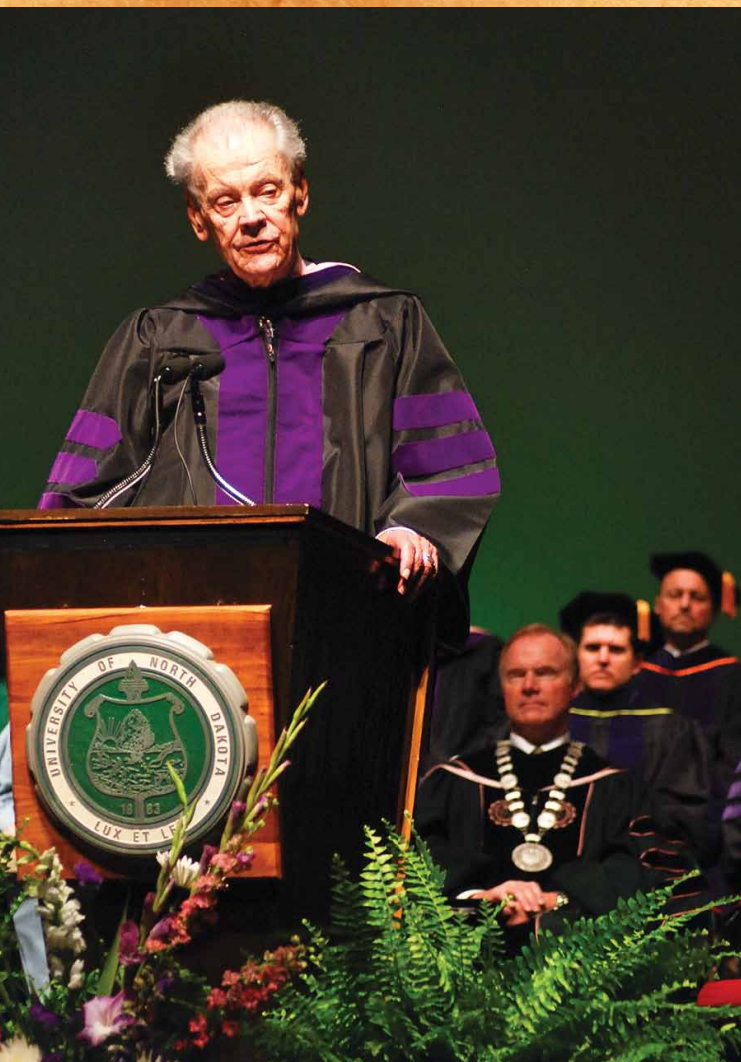
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6 Five students from the Class of 2012 pictured with the babies they had while in their second year of law school.



7 Law students of the Environmental Law Society (ELS) and faculty advisor Jim Grijalva (holding shovel) on the greenway in downtown Grand Forks. The ELS organization received a grant to plant trees in the area near the Red River. The organization also invited Grand Forks fourth graders to join them in planting the trees.



8 For the first time, the UND School of Law hosted a public hearing by the North Dakota Public Service Commission in the Baker Courtroom. Students had the opportunity to view the commission in action.

NEWS BRIEFS

Law Students Recognized for Leadership & Alleva as Outstanding Advisor

Six UND Law Students received the Lillian Elsinga Outstanding Student Leader Award. They are Jennifer Albaugh, Rebecca Binstock, Scott Brand, Sarah Estep-Larson, Samantha Kramer and Jesse Walstad. Additionally, Scott Brand was one of only three students selected from 59 UND leaders to receive heightened recognition for his contributions through his receipt of a Memorial Union Leadership Scholarship. In addition, Professor Patti Alleva received recognition as recipient of the Outstanding Student Organization Advisor Award. The Law Women's Caucus was also recognized as one of two recipients of the Outstanding Student Organization Award.



Eight Inducted Into Order of the Barristers



Eight members of the Class of 2012 were inducted into the Order of the Barristers at a ceremony on May 4, in the Baker Courtroom. The newest members are pictured here (from left)

Lindsay Harris, Bismarck, ND; Christina Wiskus, Hettinger, ND; Joel Engel, Sioux Falls, SD; Amanda Gill, Clark, SD; Rebecca Binstock, Bismarck, ND; Paul Campbell, Grafton, ND; Dani Krause, Hazen, ND; and Lu Jiang, Seattle, WA.

Three Staff Recognized for Years of Service to the Law School



Three members of the law school and library staff were recognized for their years of service to the University of North Dakota. They are Debbie Aaker, UND Law Library Acquisitions and Serials Associate for 5 years; Sheri Evans, Student Services

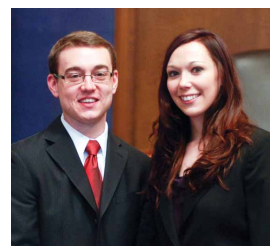
Assistant for 15 years and Kaaren Pupino, UND Law Library Head of Technical Services, Acquisitions and Serials for 35 years of service. All three were recognized at the annual Staff Recognition Luncheon held in the Memorial Union Ballroom in May.

Morrison and Faircloth Appeal to Eighth Circuit In June

Assistant Professor Steven R. Morrison and 2012 law alumnus Marcy Faircloth represent an indigent petitioner before the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals. Professor Morrison and Ms. Faircloth's client is seeking a writ of habeas corpus, a vacation of his conviction, and release from custody based on a violation of his due process rights. Oral argument has been set for June 2012. The case is Meador v. Branson, No. 11-3088. This court-appointed representation is part of Professor Morrison's ongoing project to represent clients who cannot afford private attorneys and provide an opportunity to UND Law students to obtain real-world experience as part of their legal education.

Gill and Engel Place Second at National Moot Court Competition

University of North Dakota School of Law students Amanda Gill and Joel Engel placed second overall at the fourteenth annual Herbert Wechsler Criminal Law Moot Court competition, hosted by the University of Buffalo School of Law on March 31,



2012. Gill and Engel competed against teams from 26 law schools from around the country, including New York University, University of Michigan and William and Mary. They advanced through the quarterfinal and semifinal rounds only to be bested in the finals when Gill and Engel argued with students from the Catholic School of America Columbus School of Law, located in Washington, DC. The match, which was dubbed the "Clash of the Titans," took place in front of the Hon. Tracey A. Bannister of the Erie County Supreme Court, the Hon. George Bundy Smith, a justice emeritus from the New York Court of Appeals, and the Hon. Gerard E. Lynch, of the Second Circuit Court of Appeals.

ND Law Review Names Student Editors

The North Dakota Law Review has named the student editors for the 2012-13 academic year. They are Editor-in-Chief, Evie Hudson; Managing Editor, Shanna Brown; Outside Articles Editor, Amanda Brossart; Student Articles Editor, John Schroeder; Symposium Editor, Christel Croxen, and Technical/Research Editor, Maggie Eyre.

Hodny Appointed to Veterans Committee



UND School of Law's Director of Career Services, Patricia Hodny, was appointed to a one-year term of the Administrative Committee on Veterans Affairs. The 15 member committee oversees the Veterans Home and its administration and the Commissioners of Veterans

Affairs Office and is responsible for the organization, policy, and general administration of all veterans' affairs in North Dakota. Each member is appointed by the Governor from veterans organizations including: the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, AmVets and Vietnam Veterans of America. All committee members must be veterans.

Carrigan Cup Trial Competition



The Carrigan Cup Trial Competition is provided for by federal District Judge Jim Carrigan, a 1953 law school graduate. The final argument was held at

the Grand Forks County Courthouse and was judged by the Honorable Steven Marquart. The finalists were (from left) Brittney Blake Meyer, Lu Jiang, Amanda Brossart and Kate Naumann. The final argument was closely contested by two well prepared teams with Jiang and Naumann ending as champions.

Runge Earns Fulbright in China



Professor Robin Runge has received a Fulbright Award for the 2012-2013 academic year to conduct research on the emerging legal response to violence against women in China, and to provide support to those undertaking these efforts in China. Professor Runge will be building upon her

previous work on ending violence against women in the U.S. and China by developing a deeper understanding of the legal systems in China and the more recent structures implemented to address domestic violence. Earlier this year, Runge received the North Dakota Spirit Faculty Achievement Award. She teaches in the Employment and Housing Law Clinic and Domestic Violence Law.

Moe Joins Law School Staff



Beth Moe joined the law school staff as Special Events Coordinator in November. In her position, Moe will coordinate all special events held by the law school and assist the Director of Alumni and Public Relations. She will also support the board of editors for the North Dakota Law Review. Moe is

a 2008 graduate of Bemidji State University earning a B.S. in Mass Communications. The Crookston, Minnesota native came to UND from a position with Four Corners Construction in Ada, Minnesota. In addition, Moe is Skating Director for the Northern Lights Figure Skating Club in East Grand Forks, Minnesota.

Sand and Wall Win 1L Moot Court



First-year students Ben Sand and Jared Wall were the winners of the annual 1L Moot Court Festival. The competition is incorporated into the lawyering skills course, providing students a chance to

put into practice the knowledge they have gained throughout their first year of law school. Sand and Wall (right) competed against classmates Aaron Kolquist and Tyler Varriano (left) in the final round. Judge Shon Hastings, Judge Joel Medd and Judge Alice Senechal along with Assistant Dean Bradley Parrish judged the final argument.

McGinniss Added to Standards Committee



At the invitation of Chief Justice VandeWalle of the North Dakota Supreme Court, Assistant Professor of Law Michael S. McGinniss has accepted an appointment to serve a three-year term on the Joint Committee on Attorney Standards. The Joint

Committee was established by Supreme Court Administrative Rule 38, and consists of fourteen members, seven appointed by the Supreme Court and seven appointed by the State Bar Association of North Dakota (SBAND) Board of Governors. The Joint Committee provides an indispensable mechanism for the Court and SBAND to engage in continual review of the North Dakota Rules of Professional Conduct, rules governing the lawyer discipline system, and other matters concerning attorney standards and supervision.

ALUMNI NOTES

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1960s

Thomas Davies, 1963

announced he will retire as judge from Fargo's Municipal Court when his current term expires. He was appointed to be judge on April 4, 1972. He returned to the bench on April 17, after battling a deadly illness for nearly a year. He is the son of former federal judge Ronald N. Davies, who is known for a landmark ruling in 1957 that racially integrated schools in Little Rock, Arkansas.

1970s

William Hill, 1971

retired after 28 years as North Dakota's United States bankruptcy judge. He was appointed to the judgeship in 1983 replacing Judge Harold Bullis.

Owen Anderson, 1974

was elevated to the rank of George Lynn Cross (GLC) Research Professor, the highest research honor that a faculty member may receive from the University of Oklahoma. Professor Anderson was the only OU-Norman campus faculty member to be chosen for the GLC award this year, and only the fifth to achieve this distinction in the history of the College of Law.

Karen K. Braaten, 1979

received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the UND Department of Social Work on Oct. 21, 2011. Judge Braaten received her BA in Social Work from UND in 1973. She worked at the Grand Forks County Social Service Center as a Child Welfare Worker, was a child advocate and advanced

the quality of home child care centers. After earning her law degree she worked in a private practice with emphasis in family law, commercial law and real property until her election as District Judge in 2000. She was re-elected by voters of her judicial district in 2006.

1980s

Ritchie Houge, 1983

recently accepted the position of executive director at The Foundation at Cookeville Regional Medical Center in Cookeville, Tennessee.

Dean Rindy, 1984

joined the Kennelly & O'Keefe law firm in Fargo. He specializes in real estate law and title insurance.

Henry Eslinger, 1985

retired after a career that included more than 25 years as a judge and lawyer. For the last 13 years of his career, he has served as the Grand Forks municipal judge.

Mark Chipman, 1985

will be inducted into the Order of Manitoba during the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Year and 200th anniversary of the arrival of the Selkirk Settlers. He is being recognized with the province's highest honor for bringing the NHL back to Manitoba.

Jay Lee, 1987

has been appointed president of Northeastern Junior College (NJC) in Sterling, Colorado. He assumed the presidency on March 12, 2012.

Brian Schnell, 1987

was hired as Chief Operating Officer and Chief Legal Officer for BrightStar Group Holdings, Inc. in Gurnee, IL. Schnell comes to BrightStar after serving as a partner at Faegre & Benson, a law firm in Minneapolis.

Mike Hamerlik, 1988

recently has accepted the position of president and CEO of Wisconsin Physician Services (WPS) in Madison, Wisconsin. WPS, a not-for-profit insurance company with 4,000 employees, also administers Medicare Part A and B for Jurisdiction 5, which consists of Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska, as well as TRICARE.

1990s

Vincent J. Esades, 1994

is an equity member of Heins Mills & Olson P.L.C. in Minneapolis. He has a national practice in the field of complex litigation, primarily in the areas of antitrust, consumer fraud and securities fraud.

Angelique Eagle Woman, 1998

received the Allan G. Shepard Distinguished Professor Award from the University of Idaho School of Law. The award is made annually to a faculty member who is highly qualified and who has a record of distinguished service to legal education, or to his or her area of expertise.

Tracy Kennedy, 1999

has been selected by her peers for inclusion in the 2012 edition of "The Best Lawyers in America." She is a stockholder and director at Zimney Foster, P.C. in Grand Forks.

2000s

Scott M. Strand, 2003

has become a partner and shareholder at the Cahill Law Office, Moorhead, Minnesota. Strand is a graduate of the University of North Dakota School of Law, Grand Forks, and has been an associate attorney at the Cahill law firm since 2006. He is past president of the North Dakota Defense Lawyers Association and currently serves as vice president of the Cass County Bar Association.



Kristine Rock Nycholat, 2004

joined the Twin Cities law firm of Felhaber, Larson, Fenlon and Vogt, P.A. She practices primarily in the areas of employment, labor law, and general litigation, utilizing her legal training and work experiences to assist clients in resolving disputes and litigating cases.

Zachary Pelham, 2004

was named by Prairie Business magazine as one of the top 40 under 40 providing leadership on the Plains. Zach is an attorney at Pearce & Durick in Bismarck, North Dakota. He is a member of the Bismarck/Mandan Chamber of Commerce and Young Professional Network, is a Rotary Club member and is part of a committee that conducts service projects in Ecuador.

Robert Stock, 2004

has been named shareholder in Vogel Law Firm. He practices in the Fargo, North Dakota office and dedicates his practice to the defense of civil litigation claims in state and federal court.

Michelle Kommer, 2007

has joined Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota in Fargo, North Dakota as vice president of human resources and development. Kommer had been with Otter Tail Corp., Fargo, for the last five years, most recently as senior vice president of human resources.

Christopher McShane, 2006

was named a shareholder in the Ohnstad Twichell Law Firm in West Fargo, North Dakota.

Joe Ellig, 2007

has been named a full partner of Nycklemoe and Ellig, P.A. in Fergus Falls, Minnesota. He works in a variety of areas including: workers compensation, personal injury, insurance law, bankruptcy, construction and real estate litigation, family law and bankruptcy. Joe also prosecutes for the city of Fergus Falls.

Stacey Dahl, 2008

was recently hired as Manager of External Affairs at Minnkota Power Cooperative in Grand Forks.

Joshua Slayen, 2009

recently established an online business called Legal Linkup at www.LegalLinkup.com. The Legal Linkup site makes the lawyer/client networking process easy and effective.

2010s

Kelly (Olson) Hendershot, 2010

has been hired as Assistant City Attorney in Minot, North Dakota. She is a native of Minot, and assumed duties of the newly created position on January 16.



Jonathan Leddige, 2011

is working as an immigration lawyer at the Multi-Cultural Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. His practice is primarily family-based immigration law but has included asylum cases, as well as cases involving victims of crimes and domestic violence.

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Bradley W. Parrish, Class of 2005 Assistant Dean for Student Life

Bradley W. Parrish has been named Assistant Dean for Student Life at the University of North Dakota School of Law. He joined the staff on April 2, 2012.

"We are extremely pleased to welcome Brad to our staff as Assistant Dean," said Dean Kathryn Rand. "He brings with him the education and work experience we need to provide quality leadership for our student body."

Parrish comes to UND from private practice at Zimney Foster P.C. in Grand Forks. He brings a wealth of professional legal skills and experience to the position with more than seven years of practice in the areas of civil litigation and family law. "It was a difficult decision to leave the firm, but the opportunity to return to work at my law school is what really excited me," said Parrish. "I now have the chance to make a difference at the school that gave me so much." As a 2005 graduate of UND School of Law, Parrish earned Order of the Coif, and was the top student in his class.

In his role as Assistant Dean, Parrish is responsible for student life programs, admissions and records and career services. He will oversee all law school student organizations, academic scholarships, externship programs and student orientation and will provide counseling and advising sessions for individual students.

"I am excited to work with the future generation of attorneys in a position that is critical to the success of our students," he said. Working with students brings Parrish back to his education and work experience prior to law school. He holds a MS degree in counseling and student personnel from Oklahoma State University, and he has extensive work experience in student housing positions at Arizona State University, the University of Nebraska and Oklahoma State University.

Parrish is an active member of the State Bar Association of North Dakota and is a member of the Randy H. Lee Chapter of the American Inns of Court. While practicing law he served on the Domestic Violence Benchbook Revision Committee, represented clients through the Volunteer Lawyer Program, and served as a parenting investigator and family law mediator. He currently serves on the advisory board for the Salvation Army in Grand Forks.

Parrish is married and has two children. Parrish succeeds Jeanne McLean who moved to a similar position at the Bowen College of Law at the University of Arkansas in Little Rock.



Join Us At These Upcoming Law School Events for Alumni & Friends

80's Decade Reunion
July 28th
Minneapolis, MN
www.law.und.edu/alumni/1980s

Alumni Golf Tournament & CLE
August 10th
Hawktree Golf Club
web.law.und.edu/forms/golf.php

Homecoming Alumni Reception
October 12th
5-7 pm
Alerus Center

Homecoming CLE
October 12th
UND School of Law

'72 Reunion
October 12th - 13th

Art Auction
October 19th



Alumni Reception



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Congratulations Class of 2012

Law Commencement May 5, 2012



LOOKING BACK

Remembering Professor Emerita Marcia O'Kelly

On February 13, 2012 professor emerita Marcia O'Kelly passed away. For more than three decades, Marcia left an imprint on UND School of Law.

After graduating from the School of Law in 1971, she began teaching at the law school in 1973 as a visiting assistant professor. Nearly 30 years later, she retired as professor emerita in 2001. Marcia taught and studied Civil Rights, Constitutional Law, Employment Discrimination, Family Law and Women and the Law. Her work on family law was instrumental in improving North Dakota's approach to support and custody issues. Marcia was known as an extraordinarily intelligent professor, a gracious and gentle colleague, and a serious and challenging teacher.

Her legacy lives on in the legal profession through the hundreds of practicing attorneys and sitting judges she educated. Her legacy also lives on at the University of North Dakota, where she and her husband Bernard are remembered as people who truly cared about this place and devoted their professional lives to making it better for our students, our faculty and staff, and our state.

All of us at UND School of Law will miss her.

by: Kathryn Rand, Dean

